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MESSAGE: Examiner Duong,

The following is a request and proposed agenda for a telephone interview in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/816,942. Agenda Items:

- Claims 1, 28, and 29. Specifically, the feature "wherein said surface alignment comprises an array of posts which have at least one of a shape and an orientation to induce a liquid crystal director adjacent said posts to adopt two different tilt angles in substantially the same direction."
- U.S. Patent No. 6,456,348 to Bryan-Brown et al. ("the Bryan-Brown et al. patent"), which the Applicants respectfully submit does not disclose or suggest a surface alignment comprising an array of posts as required by claims 1, 28, and 29.
- Dependent claims, specifically claims 2, 7, 10 and 25 to 27.
- Lack of motivation to combine the Bryan-Brown et al. patent and WO 99/34251 to Jones et al.

Thank you, Jamie T. Gallagher

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